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SUBJECT: EC SUPPLY GUARANTEE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFRICAN
AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES
REFS: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1807 (B) EC BRUSSELS 1620
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1. WE APPRECIATE MISSION'S SECURING INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN REF (A) AND KEEPING US INFORMED OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN COMMISSION INTERNAL DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS POSSIBLE
APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS OF INSURING SUPPLIES OF KEY
COMMODITIES.

2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WITH COMMISSION
OFFICIALS, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRESS U.S. VIEWS THAT
RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH
MULTILATERALLY AND NOT BILATERALLY (PARA 7, REF A).
PROPOSED EC POSITION REPORTED REF (C) ESPECIALLY PARA 2,
ALSO APPEARS TO MAKE THIS POINT. YOU MAY INFORM
COMMISSION OFFICIALS THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO COMPLETE
EXPLORATION OF THE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY QUESTION WITH THEM,
IN NEW YORK DURING THE UNGA, IN THE OECD, AT THE NEXT
US-EC CONSULTATIONS IN MAY AND IN OTHER APPROPRIATE
INTERNATIONAL FORA. USEC SHOULD MAKE POINT THAT U.S.,
WITH SUBSTANTIAL TRADE INTERESTS BOTH AS IMPORTER AND
EXPORTER, WOULD VIEW AS MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN ANY
ATTEMPT TO USE ASSOCIATION FRAMEWORK TO TIE UP IN A
DISCRIMINATORY FASHION EXPORTS FROM ACP'S AND/OR EC
IMPORT MARKET.

3. IN ADDITION, THE ENTIRE SUBJECT OF ACCESS TO RAW
MATERIALS IS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ISSUE WITH CONGRESS.
USEC SHOULD REMIND COMMISSION OFFICIALS, AS APPROPRIATE,
THAT CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO A RESTRICTED PREFERENTIAL
APPROACH, WHICH APPARENTLY FAVORED BY SOME ELEMENTS
WITHIN COMMISSION, CAN ONLY BE NEGATIVE. CONGRESS IS
ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT ENTIRE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO
SUPPLY. AT PRESENT, CONGRESS APPEARS TO BE WELL-DISPOSED
TO ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING
WITH SHORT-SUPPLY QUESTION. WE COULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT
AMENDMENTS TO TRADE BILL THAT WILL BE MORE RESTRICTIVE
THAN PRESENT MONDALE-RIBICOFF AMENDMENT SHOULD ANY
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EVENTUAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOLLOW PREFERENTIAL ROUTE.

4. MISSION REQUESTED TO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY FOLLOW
DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMISSION AND TO NOTIFY WASHINGTON
SOONEST AS TO RESULTS OF ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH
COMMISSION.

5. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW UPON ABOVE ON IF-ASKED BASIS,
AS APPROPRIATE. RUSH

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